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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

 sending a request from a user for a page having educational content over the network, a professional accrediting authority requiring the review of the educational content by the user prior to the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement;

 receiving said page;

 displaying the content to a user;

~~identifying tracking and recording an elapsed time during which the time the user views~~ the educational content to ensure said user views said content for a time period greater than or equal to a minimum time period and less than or equal to a maximum time period, ~~the identifying occurring without interrupting the user viewing the educational content to determine the elapsed time,~~ the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement based on the user viewing the educational content where said elapsed time is a duration of time between said maximum and said minimum time periods, said viewing of educational content by the user not including an examination based on said content.

2. (cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said educational content is presented to a user in the form of a daily interrogatory and related answer.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 comprising the additional steps of:

 recording the amount of credit granted to each user; and

 providing the amount of credit granted to each user to said user upon request.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said method does not award educational credit to a user of said electronic device for reviewing said educational content as a result of the ~~recorded amount of~~ elapsed time exceeding a maximum time parameter.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 comprising the additional steps of:

sending a message to the user indicating an inadequate amount of time has been spent reviewing said educational content, said message generated as a result of the ~~recorded amount of elapsed~~ time not exceeding a minimum time parameter;

receiving subsequently from said user a new recorded amount of time; and

awarding educational credit to the user based on said new recorded amount of time.

7. (Currently Amended) In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a page having educational content over the network, a professional accrediting authority requiring the review of the educational content by the user prior to the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement;

receiving a request for said page from a user;

sending said page to the user;

identifying tracking and recording an elapsed time during which the time the user views the educational content to ensure said user views said content for a time greater than or equal to a minimum time period and less than or equal to a maximum time period, the identifying occurring without interrupting the user viewing the educational content to determine the elapsed time; and

certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement based on the user viewing said educational content based on a determination that the elapsed time is a duration of for a time greater than or equal to said minimum time period and a time less than or equal to said maximum period, said viewing of said educational content not including an examination of said user based on said content, the certifying performed by a professional accrediting authority.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said page has one or more educational units and comprising the further step of:

associating one or more advertising units with one or more of said educational units such that said advertising unit is displayed in connection with said educational unit.

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9.(Original) The method of claim 8 wherein a plurality of said advertising units constitute an advertisement.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units are indexed to said educational units.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units displayed are specific to the user.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein said advertisement is part of a sequence of advertising, said sequence of advertising being synchronized with the sequence of educational units.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 comprising the further step of:
forwarding said educational unit and an associated advertisement to a user-designated recipient.

14. (Currently Amended) In a network, a method comprising the steps of:
providing a plurality of web pages holding educational content, said educational content grouped by topics, said topics divided into a plurality of educational units providing substantially complete content, said educational units stored on said web pages, a professional accrediting authority requiring the review of the educational content by the user prior to the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement;
receiving a request from a user of an electronic device interfaced with said network for one of said pages;
forwarding said page in response to said request;
receiving an indication from said user that said user has completed reviewing said educational content, the review not including an examination based on the educational content, the indication indicating an elapsed time the user viewed the educational content, the elapsed

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time equal to a duration of time said review lasting equal to or longer than a minimum time parameter and less than or equal to a maximum time parameter, the elapsed time determined without interrupting the user viewing the educational content and not including an examination based on said content; and

certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement following the receipt of the indication, the certifying performed by a professional accrediting authority.

15.(cancelled)

16.(Original) The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

grouping selected educational units so as to form a course;

registering said user for said course; and

sending said educational units forming said course to said electronic device for review by said user.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

providing user response to the author of said educational units after said user reviews said educational units; and

altering other educational units based on said user response.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

presenting said educational unit to said user in the format of a crossword puzzle;

providing hyperlinks to the correct answers for said crossword puzzle; and

using said crossword puzzle completion as a basis for awarding continuing education units to said user.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14 comprising the additional step of:

providing a search feature for said educational unit, said search feature searching multiple educational units on a plurality of web pages utilizing a single query.

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20. (Currently Amended) In a network, a computer-readable medium holding computer-executable steps for a method, said method comprising the steps of:

sending a request from a user for a page having educational content over the network, a professional accrediting authority requiring the review of the educational content by the user prior to the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement;

receiving said page;

displaying the content to a user;

identifying tracking and recording an elapsed time during which the time the user views the educational content to ensure said user views said content for a time period greater than or equal to a minimum time period and less than or equal to a maximum time period, the identifying occurring without interrupting the user viewing the educational content to determine the elapsed time; the professional accrediting authority certifying the compliance of the user with a professional continuing education requirement where said elapsed time is a duration of time between said maximum and said minimum time periods, said viewing of educational content by the user not requiring user responses to said content.